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FEIDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 5. 1875.

"LET no guilty man escape. LET no innocent man be convicted

Mr. J. C. Flood, of San Francisco, who, with Messrs. John H. Mackey, Jas. G. Fair and W. S. O'Brien, owns a controlling interest in the great consolidated Virginis and California mines, writes to s gentleman in this city respecting the despees as follows:

"I sincerely hope that this matter of the resumption of specie gayments will be thoroughly gone over at this session of Congress, and that some appropriate action will be had thereon. I know of no subject before Congress that is of such vital importance to the whole country as this question that so deeply concerns the stability of our national finances both at home and abroad, and I wonder that it has not regived that thoughtful consideration in our legislative balls that such a grave and important sub ect certainly demands.

These wrief words show that while the present "King of the Comstock" fully understands the importance of a speedy solution o the money question, he is too modest we attempt to furnish a panacoa, preferring, doubtless, to leave that to the currency doctors, and with his associates cause a copious stream of "filthy lucre" to flow from the famous Bonanza.

"NOT GUILLY."

This verdict of the Missouri jury in the ease of General Babeock, as it circulated resterday, through the streets of this Capi tal city, which he has done so much to improve, caused almost universal jov. His friends rejoiced because they believed it to be just; they did not think it possible that a man whom they had known for years as the disburser of millions of the public funds here, before their eyes, without exciting the breath of a suspicion of his integrity, could, in the nature of things, be so foolish and depraved as to conspire against the Treasury of the people in a distant city, or wink and connive at such conapiracy in others who would thus hold in their hands the keeping of his fair name and fame. Setting aside all question of integrity even, and every other view of the case, they gave him credit for too much common sease and sagacity to have placed himself in a position so dangerous. If he were a thief why should he not commit his malfeasance here where the whole business would be under his control? He occupied a position which in the hands of a corrupt and designing knave, or polished scoundrel, such as the Detective press would have the people believe him to be, could have been made to net him millions annually, without half the danger of exposure which was certain to attend this whisky conspiracy; and yet so faithful has been his performance of the duties ineident to it, and so careful and discreet has he always been in the execution of the delicate and confidential trusts confided to him as secretary to the Executive, that no scandal has ever attached to those relations. His outgoings and incomings have been Irank and open before the world, his record has been pure and unblemished slike in the army, in the Executive office, in the improvement of Public Buildings and Grounds and in the social circles of private singularly busy one. He has had no time to devote to intrigues and conspiracies

propagate suspicions of their neighbors!

But we have said that the foregoing views

of Gen. Babcock's case were those in

defect by his friends who knew him

best. Great anxlety, nevertheless, per-

vaded such circles lest the jury in a dis-

tent State, ignorant of all these surround-

ings, to us so tamiliar, and breathing an

atmosphere redelent of conviction and

punishment of corrupt officials and men of

wealth and character, might extel the epidemic, and, urged on by the projudgment of a vindictive, releatless, unsampu-Lous and shameless Detective Press, which represented and deep of that the President as well as his secretary was upon trial, consign him to disgrace and infamy in the heat of the prevailing excitement, instead of pronouncing his acquittal, as the result of a careful weighing of all the testimony. This anxiety was most happily relieved yesterday afternoon about to'clock by the receipt of the magic words at the head of this article. The rejoicing was general. Only the most bitter partisans, with whom party transcends love of country, refused to join in the gratulations that, by this considerate and just verdict of a strange jury, in a distant and Democratic State, our country had been saved from the damning disgrace that would have attached to the conviction of the President's confidential friend and secretary of complicity in the robbery of the national revenues. For serent. this was the second thought. Had this verdict been different, what would be said cited by it upon the army, the politicians, the people and the courts. As it is, the court has ruled impartially, and held with

of our republican institutions abroad? The imagination was busied in the conception. of the comments that would have been exeven and nerveless grasp the scales of justice; the honor of our army has again asserted itself and our American juries have schieved the proud distinction of the ability to weigh and sift evidence so as to separate of surrounding excitement and the clamor of the Detective Press. The court and jury in this case have labored with remarkable patience and assiduity, and they have their reward in the consciousness of having elevated the jurisprudence of the country by the result of their efforts.

It will be remembered that this journal has from the outset assumed the probable innocence of both Avery and Babcock of complicity in the conspiracy and of guilty knowledge of its existence. This assumption was based upon knowledge of the tactics of the conspirators, as developed elsewhere and in other cases. We denounced the threats of Megrue and others to convict high officials as menaces to make the Secretary of the Treasury call off his "scandal bounds," as the conspirators expressed it, and gave the opinion that these practiced perjurers would not hesitate to swear innocent men into prison in order to save themselves. When the premature rumor of General Bahcock's indictment was set affoat, and the name of the President's brother coupled with it, we characterized that as a further menace directed to the President, which meant, "Call a halt, or 'we will disgrace you and your family "name and your administration and all "intimately associated with you, We will "compel you to open the pardon-door of know, and probably none know better, "our prison by taking them in with us than the editor of the Index that the Rep-"when we can all escape." But even resentative of the district in which that

the President. He defied the conspirators, and left his vindication to the courts and the country. Later, when the Detective Press boldly charged guilty knowledge upon the President himself, he reiterated. "Let no guilty man escape," and though General Henderson joined the hus and cry against him and Babcock, he took nothing back, but, conscious of innocence and strong in the moral courage to do right, he and his Cabinet, through the Attorney General, reiterated the old instructions, "Let no guilty man escape," and added what appeared in the heat of the excitement at the West the equally important injuaction, "Let no innocent min be convicted through perjury." It now appears that we were correct in our estimate of whisky ring tactics. The confessions of the conspirators and the verdicts of the juries have fully vindicated our predictions. We congratulate the President and his administration upon their success in bringing the guilty to punishment, and in saving the innocent from the machinations of the conspirators. Revenue thieves have been taught a lesson which they will not soon forget.

VIRGINIA IMMIGRATION-HOW IT IS RE-

TARDED. There may be, and perhaps are, those in the ranks of the misnamed Conservative party of Virginia who are in earnest in their efforts to promote emigration to their State, but the unwise official acts of the representative men of their party, and the gross personal abuse indulged by their party organs of all Northern men, however pure their personal character, who may, perchance, represent a Republican constit uency, in localities where ballot-box stuff ing, as yet, has failed to prevent an honest expression of political sentiment, will ac complish more to prevent immigration in one year than the pretentious displays of all the "immigration boards" and Legislative and Congressional committees can possibly accomplish in the other direction In a decade of years, and this, too, without taking into consideration the social ostracism and machinery for practically disfranchising such emigrants as may be Republic

cans, after they get there. It will be remembered that a committee composed entirely of Democratic members of the Virginia Legislature, visited this city a few weeks since for the ostensible purpose of conferring with the Virginia Representatives in Congress in the interest of immigration to that State. To this conference Messrs. Platt and Stowell, Republicans, were not invited. Mr. Platt was ignored, perhaps, for the reason that his sent is temporarily occupied by a secession Democrat, placed there by the open fraudulent devices of the Locofocos of the Second district of that State, and from which s healthy regard for the public sentiment of the nation will compel his ejectment and the seating of Colonel Platt when the sub ject comes before the House for its action With regard to Mr. Stowell there could be no such frivolous pretext. He is in possession of a scat in Congress, to which he was elected by an overwhelming majority of the voters of the Fourth district, and in a moral point of view is fully the peer of any one of his Virginia colleagues. In a note addressed to the Fredericksburg (Va.) Star, called forth by an editorial in that paper deprecating his absence from the

meeting, Mr. Stowell says: "I was not present because I was not invited, and not invited because I was not wanted. and not wanted because I was a Republican. No one is more favorable to immigration than myself, and no one can feel the need of it more than the Northern settler." The truth is here contained in a nutshell, and yet there are newspapers in Virginia, whose editors profees to desire immigration, defend the action of this estracising committee in the matter referred to, and in the same article deny that ostracism obtains on the "sacred soil." We cannot better illustrate the truthfulness of our oft-repeated notices of life. His career since the war has been a the persecutions of Republicans for opinion's sake in the South, however reluctant we may feel to give prominence to such kineself, and less in which to indulge in filthy productions, than by reproducing the suspicion of these villamies in others. from the Petersburg Index and Appeal o What a grand thing it would be for this the 10th the following article which justicountry is it had no idlers to conceive and fies social ostracism and at the same time denies its existence. Hear it:

"We desire to put on record our deliberate adgment that the committee acted exactly ght, if, as is supposed, it declined to invite towell to take part in the conference. That publicans favorable to the cause of immi tion were not ignored, appears from the that Colonel Ed. Daniels, inte editor o he State Jearnal , was not only in attendance. out took an active part in the deliberations of he session. But to have asked Stowell to ake any part in the exercises of the occasion would have been a piece of folly and faree of which we hope the committee was not guilty. Scowell is in no sense an honest immigrant to Virginia; owns no property here, though it is alleged that he has money on dejosit in Boson; has no defined residence, and in the late conference of Virginia Republicans at Rich-mond was assigned to the Stanuton district. Thus it is not even known were the creature Thus it is not even known were the creature lives; and, whatever his residence, his influence, such as it is, is malign to Virginia, and not friendly. Stowell's whole story is that ostracism, intimidation, persecution and violence are to be expected by any Northern man who makes his home in Virginia. What, in the name of common sense, was the use of intimidation, but in the same of common sense, was the use of initing such a lying partisan to lend any help-ing hatd to the immigration movement? Sup-cose now—and nothing was more likely—that fowell, being invited, had opened with a irade that immigration would never come nto Virginia so long as the Ku-Klux, 'White ducrs,' lynch law, rebel juries, and other like assitutions, were in vogue? He is fully capa-de of that or any other infamy. The Star will concede that the cause of immigration would not be materially advanced by such a performance. On the whole, for the various ren one alleged, and for others that might be stated, we conclude that the committee did well in not expecting Mr. Stowell to be

Exactly why the late editor of the State Journal was in attendance does not appear, s ing neither a member of the Legislative Committee, from which all Northern men were studiously excluded, nor a member of Congress. Report has it that he is far from indisposed to sell his own property in Virginia, and he may have adopted the method of getting into this committee meeting, whether invited or otherwise is immaterial, to compass this end. In any event, the opinion of Mr. Daniels, whether expressed in committee or through the the credible from the spurious, regardless | public prints, is that of but one man, and oan by no possibility outweigh the otherwise unanimous sentiment of Northern Republican settlers in Virginia, nor even the justification by the rebel sheet from which we quote, of the conduct pursued toward the representative of a Republican constituency by this Locofoco committee. Just what constitutes "an honest emigrant to Virginia" this organ of Locofocoism does not deign to inform its readers, but we happen to know that Mr. Stowell went to Virginia with more thousands than the diminutive upstart who essays to enlighten the people of Virginia through his Index, and whose consuming vanity is as offensive to good taste as it is to well-bred people, ever possessed in hundreds; and further, that he (Stowell) succeeded in the course of a legitimate and honest mercantile osreer in losing all his means among a people whose organs would now drive him, if they could, from the State, for the crime of being a Republican. That he has no property there proves his honesty, and his inability to pay the taxes heaped upon the people by a Locofoco Legislature. If the want of property should exclude a man from position, even that of a mem-ber of Congress, several of Virginia's

present Representatives would be com-

pelled to take back seats. Nobody should

this failed to shake the Spartan firmness of paper is published has a "defined residence at Burkeville, and if he be ignorant of the fact that Mr. Stowell represented the "Staunton district in the late conference of Virginia Republicans at Richmond" as a prozy, he exhibits his incapacity as a newspaper man, or, on the other hand, he is guilty of a gross perversion of facts, that render his paper unworthy of countenance in a respectable community.

The judicious deprecations of the Fred-

mittee no doubt afforded the "saffron Lued" individual of the Index a coveted opportunity to relieve himself of the surplus bile indicated in his facial extremity by the use of such choice epithets as "creature," "lying partisan," "infamy," &c., at the expense, as he doubtless deemed it, of one who is his mental and moral superior. albeit a Republican, and whom he and his party have been unable to supplant in Congress, even through the medium of a stuffed pallot. The "verdancy" of the Index has, however, in the concluding paragraphs of the article we have quoted, furnished the public with the motives which impelled this legislative committee in the commission of their discourteous act. · Suppose that Stowell, being invited, had opened with a tirade that immigration would never come into Virginia so long as the Ku Klux, White-Liners, lynch law, rebel juries and other like institu-'tions were in vogue? The cause of immigration would not be materially advanced by such a performance." In other words, we are to infer, and the inference is a legitimate one, that lest the truth be told these gentlemen who profess to be so earnest in their efforts to people the State with immigrants and a mode of inducing the coveted immigration be pointed out. that might endanger Locofoco supremacy in Virginia, by causing an influx of Northerners into her borders. Lest all this might happen, they preterred to begin in the committee with the ostracism they propose to continue, and which has been so fully attested by Republicans in that latitude ever

since the war. It has not been our purpose in this article so much to defend Representative Stowell, he being abundantly able to do that himself, as to place the facts in connection with this Virginia immigration movement before the public. If it be the purpose of the dominant party in that State to ignore, ostracise and persecute the Northern Republican settler, the sooner the fact becomes known the better it will be for all concerned. If, on the other hand, they desire that kind of immigration that will speedily build up their waste places, it is well for them to comprehend the fact that a more liberal policy than they have exhibited may be inaugurated. When men of the North who honestly entertain Republican sentiments can feel sure that they will not only be tolerated, but fully protected in the expression of their opinions at the ballot box, and when social ostracism for political opinion's sake shall cease, then will Virginia obtain the influx of population she so sorely needs, but not until then; and it is due the people of that State that they should know it. To compass so desirable an end, papers of the class to which the Index-Appeal belongs should be "squelched" or their editors be restrained from their blatant utterances by a wholesome public sentiment.

TEXAS AND PACIFIC-NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION.

When the financial crash came upon this country in the fall of 1873 many a hardcarned fortune was lost in a day, and many a great and worthy enterprise was suddenly checked or its prospects destroyed altogether. Among the great undertakings then in successful progress was the Texas and Pacific railroad, stretching out from Sherman through the northern counties of Texas towards the Rio Grande, and designed in its completion to form a great public highway between the Mississippi and the Pacific ocean. Individual capital and enterprise had already pushed the road along some hundreds of miles, and but for the panic of that year the bonds of the company, secured by its property, might have been sold at reasonable rates for money enough to complete the work. But the financial revulsion, which paralyzed all the industries of the country brought misfortune to this great and beneficent

scheme. Individual and corporate credit had fall len low in Europe, and nothing less than a Government guarantee of interest would enable the company to sell five per cent. bonds at or near their par value. The matter was brought before Congress, and the Government was requested to guarantec the interest on construction bonds, and for such guarantee the most abundan and reliable security was offered. The transportation of Government mails, troops and supplies would about equal the amount of guaranteed interest, so that in most cases the obligation would be paid before it fell due. The saving to the Government of several millions a year in the single item of border protection would amount to nearly as much more. Besides this the company propose in the bill now under consideration to give a first lien upon all their property, recede to the Government 30,000,000 acres of land already granted, and leave with the Secretary of the Treasury \$5,000 in bonds for each mile of constructed road, to be sold at any time to meet any exigency that might occur during the prosecution of the work. In addition to this the bill is full of restrictive provisions with regard to combination, discrimination or exorbitant charges.

With all these provisions for protecting the Government from loss and the public from injustice, there has been a popular sentiment in favor of giving the guarantee of interest and thus securing the early completion of a work that will be of incalculable advantage, not only to the West and South, but to the whole country. This favorable sentiment has gone on increasing in volume and power until now many portions of the country are almost unanimous

and very earnest in favor of the measure. But, with this growing sentiment in favor of a good and great enterprise, there has sprung up an opposition as bitter and determined as it is rich and powerful. This element of antagonism exists in the Union Pacific and Central and Southern Pacific, of California-all three companies essentially one in the motive that inspires opposition. They constitute, together, the strongest monopoly on the continent, if not in the world, and fight against a measure that would build a competing line. They wield immense power, and this power will increase from year to year.

Now is the time for action. EDITORIAL GOSSIP.

Wonder if the Heraid and World have man liness enough to retract the falsehoods and slanders which they have published to the world respecting the Babcock ease? If they do so it will be a notable exception to a verclosely observed rule.

Now that the Carlist cause has been in a manner overthrown, young Alfonso again straightens up in his little gilded saddle, and, swinging his sword aloft, cries, "Ma shall come home now whether Cabinet keeps or

Wender how the Ishmaelite of the Sun received the news of the acquittal of General Babcock! Everything that Mr. Dana has said regarding this case has been so maliciously false as to disgust the majority of the readers of his paper, and bring upon his head the severe condemnation of his own friends.

The financial elements in the Republican party are gradually centreing on a sound,

honest, hard-money policy. In the meanwhile portions of the Democracy are shooting off on tangent in various directions, and give every possible indication of a hopeless division of opinion on the financial problem, which both parties must soon attempt to solve.

A most wondrous tide set in last night all over the country in favor of General Babrock. Enthusiastic men on the street were nominating him for the Presidency and betting fifty to one on his election. The receipt of the news of his acquittal at West Point was the occaericksburg Star at the action of the comsion of universal rejoicing.

> Sweet home-a beehlye: Guilt framesprison windows. Short crops-convicts' hair. Milldues-wages of factory girls. Odd againit was the first pair that eat the first apple. Best invocation-keeping a hotel. Painful suspense-hanging. Professors of the black art-necro minstrels. Song of the man with the toothache-"How happy could I be with ether." The most lonesome place is a pawnbroker's shop. Roots of words produce flowers of speech. Can a person consume time by eating dates? A hectic flush beats two pairs Sheet music is best sung in bed. Good watch. word-tick. It is morbid curiosity which leads people to buy trash at auctions. Tight fitdelirium tremens. Weighs that are darkseventeen hundred pounds to the ton. To cook one's mistress-get her into a stew. Patron of cooks-the God l'an. The first cook was Prometheus, who stole fire from the skies to warm Pigmalion. Those who cannot find their match should go to bed in the dark. "Gen. Babcock has been acquitted," sang the merry, ringing voice of the newsboy as he

> rushed along the streets last night with and against the beating force of the bleak north rind. "Not guilty"-again and again the cheery notes sounded forth-catching the cars of those whom business or necessity had compelled to meet the chilling winds upon the treets, and like good tidings on the wings of the evening the intelligence spread far and near over the city. Thousands who believed with undoubted faith in the innocence of the accused, yet wavered with distrust at the complexion and surroundings of the tury, felt sense of comforting rollof. Hundreds who trade in rumor and fatten on the gossips and slanders of the present felt chap fallen at the suddenness by which the source of their current of vituperation and contumely had been absorbed in the spenge of justice and forever placed beyond the reach of their polluting grasp. Hundreds who were hitherto indifferent as to the result of the great trial expressed in glowing and emphatic terms sentiments of approval and rejoicing. In the face of a wide-spread journalistic cry of "convict," from that portion of the American press which spends its force in abuse and villideation, the cause of truth and innoconce has most signally triumphed. Popular feeling has been con tinually on the side of the accused, and it was only here and there that expressions from the masses of the peoole unfavorable to the defendant were heard. But the Detective press tried and convicted him long before the preliminaries of the trial had ended. Every rumor, every wild and unfounded statement which this portion of the press found floating about, were seized upon with the rapacity of famished fiends and heralded over the land as positive fact and truth. Among this number stand most conspicuous the Heraid, World and Sun, a trio of journals whose chief aim in this great prosecution has been to secure the conviction of the accused, in public estimation at least, for no other purpose than political advancement and interest. distorting truth, by manufacturing positive falsebood, by Jesuitical instauation and mean exaggeration, they waged their wicked and unmanly warfare sgainst a man whom they believed to be innocent, but whom they were willing to persecute to the bitter end, that they might secure an inch or an ell of political vantage ground. They have played the part of despicable slander creators, and the triumph of truth and justice now forces them to swallow their false and unwholesome croa-

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